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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cummulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

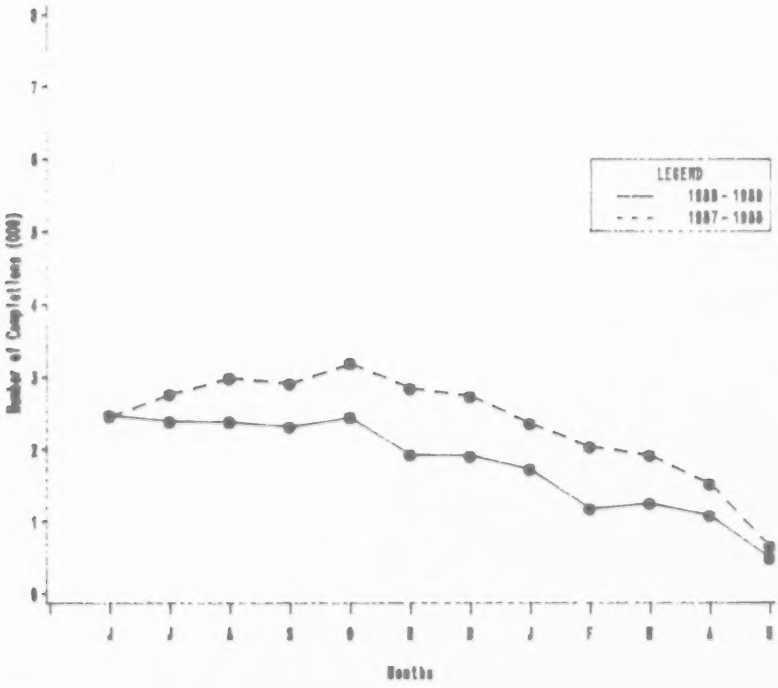

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 26, 1989[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	2,133	9,815,467	1,420	8,465,319	2,157	12,027,769	5,710	30,308,555	5,831	30,816,843
1989: MAY	180	782,963	48	222,388	259	1,388,152	487	2,393,503	490	2,403,809
APR	453	1,984,617	189	1,210,112	434	2,472,963	1,076	5,667,692	1,097	5,736,252
MAR	430	2,001,761	324	1,961,198	498	2,735,384	1,252	6,698,343	1,290	6,855,105
FEB	430	2,020,454	356	2,223,381	388	2,264,570	1,174	6,508,405	1,202	6,639,876
JAN	640	3,025,672	503	2,848,240	578	3,166,700	1,721	9,040,612	1,752	9,181,801
TOTAL 1988	12,001	53,062,813	7,238	39,201,060	9,379	50,496,867	28,618	142,760,740	29,500	145,554,390
1988: DEC	617	2,922,222	607	3,266,316	685	3,863,868	1,909	10,052,406	1,965	10,281,809
NOV	680	3,001,599	596	3,268,819	651	3,688,728	1,927	9,959,146	1,973	10,070,764
OCT	856	3,954,006	709	3,589,853	878	4,586,567	2,443	12,130,426	2,517	12,320,222
SEP	848	4,017,996	691	3,508,275	768	4,122,199	2,307	11,648,470	2,369	11,882,967
AUG	930	3,667,363	623	3,170,477	825	4,456,208	2,378	11,294,048	2,442	11,517,600
JUL	998	4,320,699	572	3,067,809	812	4,406,673	2,382	11,795,181	2,434	11,964,380
JUN	1,084	4,631,167	578	3,167,873	804	4,080,648	2,466	11,879,688	2,537	12,140,119
MAY	1,135	4,795,788	529	2,889,171	823	4,270,603	2,487	11,955,562	2,586	12,267,667
APR	1,147	5,141,258	496	2,904,934	763	4,171,992	2,406	12,218,184	2,489	12,504,215
MAR	1,227	5,387,742	595	3,477,890	763	4,148,190	2,585	13,013,822	2,694	13,310,337
FEB	1,196	5,308,098	610	3,399,500	732	4,122,432	2,538	12,830,030	2,644	13,110,938
JAN	1,283	5,914,875	632	3,490,143	875	4,578,759	2,790	13,983,777	2,850	14,183,142
TOTAL 1987	15,632	64,035,552	7,505	39,981,558	10,824	53,465,193	33,961	157,482,303	34,825	160,083,677
1987: DEC	1,360	5,975,536	674	3,703,159	1,058	5,597,896	3,092	15,276,591	3,176	15,533,548
NOV	1,493	6,087,080	662	3,467,817	939	4,834,551	3,094	14,389,448	3,178	14,598,959
OCT	1,542	6,228,136	824	4,385,184	1,128	5,302,174	3,494	15,915,494	3,607	16,311,713
SEP	1,436	5,988,950	662	3,304,518	1,016	5,024,862	3,114	14,318,330	3,177	14,527,225
AUG	1,493	5,721,243	682	3,364,915	984	4,848,967	3,159	13,935,125	3,232	14,164,297
JUL	1,352	5,161,918	586	3,318,341	943	4,368,281	2,881	12,848,540	2,984	13,101,701
JUN	1,207	4,796,378	521	2,853,285	833	4,082,222	2,561	11,731,885	2,628	11,910,561
MAY	1,219	4,991,095	484	2,674,316	794	4,021,687	2,497	11,687,098	2,584	12,001,049
APR	1,081	4,683,383	512	2,847,917	816	3,729,032	2,409	11,260,332	2,449	11,380,468
MAR	1,060	4,559,532	607	3,200,158	742	3,718,191	2,409	11,477,881	2,448	11,597,801
FEB	1,123	4,649,378	614	3,248,510	699	3,381,656	2,436	11,279,544	2,485	11,455,518
JAN	1,266	5,192,923	677	3,613,438	872	4,555,674	2,815	13,362,035	2,877	13,500,837
TOTAL 1986	18,351	73,981,983	7,959	42,516,429	12,219	59,629,576	38,529	176,127,988	39,353	178,725,228
TOTAL 1985	36,420	142,750,598	12,848	70,383,848	21,340	103,341,311	70,608	316,475,757	72,563	322,218,921

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 26, 1989[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	148	932,095	125	872,350	1,115	6,340,407	1,388	8,144,852
1989: MAY	9	70,711	5	24,963	138	754,443	152	850,117
APR	29	151,209	16	94,986	214	1,204,972	259	1,451,167
MAR	34	235,316	19	129,208	258	1,438,296	311	1,802,820
FEB	34	236,479	31	243,115	210	1,267,964	275	1,747,558
JAN	42	238,380	54	380,078	295	1,674,732	391	2,293,190
TOTAL 1988	768	4,688,189	617	4,192,719	4,562	26,630,105	5,947	35,511,013
1988: DEC	48	299,291	53	302,610	372	2,258,450	473	2,860,351
NOV	50	267,092	49	336,283	362	2,156,232	461	2,759,607
OCT	64	421,410	64	419,851	456	2,542,517	584	3,383,778
SEP	68	432,917	41	266,350	364	2,151,084	473	2,850,351
AUG	53	284,661	45	259,834	406	2,317,492	504	2,861,987
JUL	68	393,197	54	361,300	398	2,271,768	520	3,026,265
JUN	70	424,570	57	396,596	375	2,133,471	502	2,954,637
MAY	54	343,346	60	465,277	385	2,164,633	499	2,973,256
APR	80	537,833	57	379,233	346	1,943,699	483	2,860,765
MAR	62	369,862	41	309,324	361	2,161,477	464	2,840,663
FEB	72	480,353	49	367,514	352	2,174,222	473	3,022,089
JAN	79	433,657	47	328,547	385	2,355,060	511	3,117,264
TOTAL 1987	884	5,241,408	675	4,450,152	5,061	27,051,992	6,620	36,743,552
198*: DEC	70	404,696	51	329,918	510	2,914,727	631	3,649,341
NOV	90	544,965	56	306,780	461	2,569,501	607	3,421,246
OCT	77	412,534	73	460,049	522	2,685,753	672	3,558,336
SEP	86	535,258	53	325,305	486	2,564,289	625	3,424,852
AUG	75	427,994	69	418,514	441	2,347,580	585	3,194,088
JUL	83	448,787	52	351,788	408	2,133,470	543	2,934,045
JUN	70	428,539	50	417,269	369	1,964,200	489	2,810,008
MAY	68	380,284	51	362,001	370	1,988,984	489	2,731,269
APR	61	383,352	48	274,780	359	1,776,241	468	2,434,373
MAR	59	418,286	52	346,817	367	1,883,743	478	2,648,846
FEB	58	359,117	55	389,927	331	1,666,141	444	2,415,185
JAN	87	497,596	65	467,004	437	2,557,363	589	3,521,963
TOTAL 1986	992	5,961,220	744	5,070,947	5,397	29,819,088	7,133	40,851,255
TOTAL 1985	1,723	10,070,004	1,284	8,648,434	9,192	49,582,312	12,199	68,300,750

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING MAY 1989

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	621	2,826,191	385	2,248,074	544	2,970,751	1,550	8,045,016	1,576	8,174,065
1989: MAY	180	782,963	48	222,388	259	1,388,152	487	2,393,503	490	2,403,809
APR	289	1,300,205	146	962,734	170	964,235	605	3,227,174	618	3,279,011
MAR	82	402,175	98	583,837	67	349,420	247	1,335,432	254	1,380,669
FEB	43	235,114	48	281,542	27	180,884	118	697,540	121	719,209
JAN	27	105,734	45	197,573	21	88,060	93	391,367	93	391,367
TOTAL 1988	190	768,612	202	744,797	65	206,866	457	1,720,275	474	1,770,254
1988: DEC	28	124,033	33	166,713	9	31,144	70	321,890	71	329,245
NOV	47	197,865	43	201,583	10	58,532	100	457,980	100	457,980
OCT	44	176,281	36	121,960	7	20,632	87	318,873	90	327,061
SEP	28	122,410	26	82,446	4	5,889	58	210,745	59	211,169
AUG	20	67,746	18	56,844	5	15,696	43	140,286	49	158,427
JUL	8	31,953	10	30,321	9	21,543	27	83,817	28	86,452
JUN	5	20,713	7	11,493	4	14,108	16	46,314	19	56,000
MAY	3	7,635	9	26,337	10	19,040	22	53,012	23	55,862
APR	3	7,437	8	22,349	1	518	12	30,304	12	30,304
MAR	3	9,161	9	18,770	2	5,732	14	33,663	14	33,663
FEB	1	3,378	1	2,308	1	1,520	3	7,206	3	7,206
JAN	0	0	2	3,673	3	12,512	5	16,185	6	16,885
TOTAL 1987	27	83,423	42	65,243	40	77,153	109	225,819	111	227,919
1987: DEC	4	17,703	4	8,951	2	5,649	10	32,303	10	32,303
NOV	0	0	1	7,304	4	8,228	5	15,532	5	15,532
OCT	3	1,701	1	1,143	8	13,642	12	16,486	12	16,486
SEP	1	5,170	7	14,607	6	22,605	14	42,382	14	42,382
AUG	5	12,147	0	0	3	3,651	8	15,798	8	15,798
JUL	0	0	3	2,100	2	2,208	5	4,308	5	4,308
JUN	2	4,167	2	2,537	4	10,645	8	17,349	8	17,349
MAY	4	13,718	4	4,463	1	925	9	19,106	9	19,106
APR	1	9,000	4	7,785	2	4,280	7	21,065	9	23,165
MAR	0	0	4	7,693	5	3,639	9	11,332	9	11,332
FEB	4	9,086	12	8,660	3	1,681	19	19,427	19	19,427
JAN	3	10,731	0	0	0	0	3	10,731	3	10,731
TOTAL 1986	28	37,643	38	68,320	51	78,674	117	184,637	130	219,407
YRS PRIOR TO 1986	48	108,865	34	112,181	86	118,579	168	339,625	178	386,410
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	914	3,824,734	701	3,238,615	786	3,452,023	2,401	10,515,372	2,469	10,778,055

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of May 26, 1989. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period April 29, through May 26, 1989. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.